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BRANDON W. PHELPS

STATE REPRESENTATIVE
118TH DISTRICT

The Honorable Julius Genachowski
Chairman
Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
Washington, DC 20554

June 15, 2010

Re: MB Docket No. 10-56

Dear Chairman Genachowski:

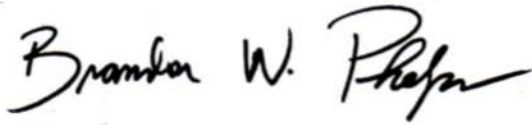
With great pride, I serve in the Illinois House of Representative on behalf of the people in the 118th legislative district – a district that encompasses a large area of downstate Illinois. Like other parts of the state and the country, we are battling our way out of the recession. Internet technology is more important here than ever, which is why I support the partnership between Comcast and NBC Universal.

Quite simply, access to broadband is critical for our residents and businesses. The internet facilitates connection to vital resources like business to business information, job listings, employment training programs and more. Comcast understands this. The company has invested billions of dollars to upgrade infrastructure including in communities that are far removed from Illinois' major metropolitan areas. Broadband access now connects Illinois residents to the resources and business opportunities necessary to survive in today's economy

To further demonstrate its commitment to better the communities it serves, Comcast provides schools and libraries with courtesy internet service. The company also invests in digital literacy initiatives in order to close the digital divide for young people in our communities.

For these reasons, I encourage you to approve the partnership proposal currently before your panel. The union of these two well-respected, innovative organizations will no doubt be positive for Illinois and our country.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brandon W. Phelps". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Brandon" and last name "Phelps" being more prominent than the middle initial "W".

Brandon W. Phelps,
IL House of Representatives
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